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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. English-language Abstracts are provided for the following documents:

1. JP 4024153
2. FR 2600318
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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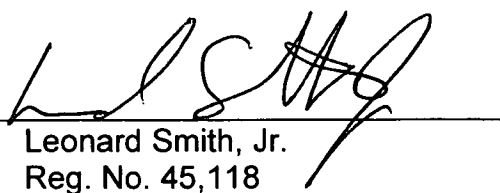
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